

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 21st June 2009

Theory Examination

Thirty-two candidates have entered for the next theory examination which will be held on Tuesday 30th June. Examinations will be held in three centres - the ComReg Offices in Dublin, the Carrigtwohill Community Centre and the Letterkenny Institute of Technology. We wish the candidates all the very best in the exam.

ComReg Consultation on the 2300 to 2400 MHz Band

ComReg has published a consultation paper on the release of spectrum in the 2300 to 2400 MHz band. The paper is Document 09/49 of 15 June and is available in the Publications section of the ComReg website at www.comreg.ie This band is an amateur secondary allocation.

The IRTS will in due course prepare a response to this consultation paper and we would encourage interested individuals and radio clubs to do so as well. Licensees who have views which they wish to have reflected in the IRTS response should communicate by e-mail to [ei7cd /at/ gofree.indigo.ie](mailto:ei7cd/at/gofree.indigo.ie) Responses to the consultation paper must be submitted before 5 p.m. on 29 July next.

80m Counties Contest

The 80m Counties contest takes place this afternoon from 1500 to 1800 local time. We hope there will be a good turnout, particularly as the event is being showcased by AREN as part of a demonstration for various Government Departments and Agencies. EIORTS will be operating from the Civil Defence headquarters in Roscrea and will be giving out points in the contest in the normal fashion. When calling into the Roscrea station please give your nearest town as well as your county.

The callsigns and locations of stations will be displayed on a large digital map at the control centre. It is intended to give live updates during the event on the IRTS website, just click on the 80m Counties Contest button on the top left hand side of the home page. AREN stations will also be monitoring two metres on 144.525 so if you do not have facilities for 80m and you hear activity on 2m please call in and contribute to the exercise. EIORTS will not be entering the contest itself but will submit a check log to the contest manager.

We look forward to working you this afternoon and if you can not be QRV for the full contest please do come on the band for a time and give out a few points and multipliers. Please note the rules regarding operation in the non-contest segments of 80m.

Full rules for this contest are available at www.irts.ie/rules Note in particular the frequencies for this contest: CW 3.510-3.560 MHz; SSB 3.600-3.650 and 3.700-3.775 MHz

IRTS VHF/UHF Field Day

The IRTS VHF/UHF Field Day will be held over the weekend of the 4-5 July. The Committee in trying to improve the contest has decided to add extra bands in the restricted section.

Up to now the Restricted Section was 144MHz only. Now you can use any single band of the VHF/UHF bands.

Rule 5.2 will be changed to read:

Restricted Section A. 50MHz B. 70MHz C. 144MHz D. 432MHz E. 1296MHz

There is still only one single band permitted in this section but now you have a choice of which band you want to try in the contest.

We do hope this will spur some more activity from the clubs and individuals in the VHF/UHF Field Day.

Mayo Radio Experimenters

Members of the Mayo Radio experimenters are anxious to make radio contact with as many stations in Connaught as possible, during the month of June, as part of their monthly, members-only contest. Operators will be on HF on Sundays after the IRTS 80mt news, on or around 3.680MHz SSB.

The club operates a net on Sunday evenings after the 8pm news service from the county. Frequencies are 145.6 - the Mayo repeater, 50.450MHz, 70.375MHz, and 433.450MHz - all FM. The May Competition was won by Brendan Minish, EI6IZ, runner-up was John Corless, EI7IQ, with John McAndrew, EI3JM in third.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society celebrates its 40th anniversary this year as part of the celebrations the club will have 48 hours activity on all bands in Clogherhead this weekend. If you are in the area call in and say hi, if you are on the bands give the Society a call. There is also an article about the club in the local paper and also a video, the link is available at.

www.dundalkdemocrat.ie/

As part of their anniversary, Dundalk Amateur Radio Society will be activating their Club call EI7DAR on the weekend June 21/22nd. They will also be taking part in the IRTS 80M Counties Contest (summer) 2009, as EI7DAR/P (on Sunday afternoon) including, as an exercise, the testing of emergency comms country wide, in co-operation with AREN on 80 M.

ATV video of the events will be relayed to the web site www.ei7dar.com If things go well, the group hope to have 'live streaming' of the activity, as much as possible. This will be a test of comms for ATV enthusiasts, on both weekends.

For more info see www.ei7dar.com

History This Week

1752 Benjamin Franklin flies his storm kite to prove electricity.

1844 Vulcanized rubber patented by C. Goodyear of New York City

1896 Prof. Bragg demonstrates X-rays in Adelaide.

1951 First commercial electronic computer, Bur. of Census, USA.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot Carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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